

## EMANCIPATION DAY IN TEXAS—HOLIDAYS

## CHAPTER 481

## H. B. No. 1016

An Act relating to a declaration of Emancipation Day in Texas as a legal holiday.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. Article 4591, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, is amended <sup>64</sup> to read as follows:

**Art. 4591. Enumeration**

The first day of January, the 19th day of January, the third Monday in February, the second day of March, the 21st day of April, the last Monday in May, the 19th day of June, the fourth day of July, the 27th day of August, the first Monday in September, the second Monday in October, the 11th day of November, the fourth Thursday in November, and the 25th day of December, of each year, and every day on which an election is held throughout the state, are declared legal holidays, on which all the public offices of the state may be closed and shall be considered and treated as Sunday for all purposes regarding the presenting for the payment or acceptance and of protesting for and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks and promissory notes placed by the law upon the footing of bills of exchange. The nineteenth day of January shall be known as "Confederate Heroes Day" in honor of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and other Confederate heroes. The 19th day of June is designated "Emancipation Day in Texas" in honor of the emancipation of the slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1980.

Sec. 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 4, 1979, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1016 on May 26, 1979, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 1979: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Approved June 7, 1979.

Effective Jan. 1, 1980.

64. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4591